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HISTORY OF SAINT JOHN.

The President and Directors of the Saint John Mechanics' Institute offer a PRIZE of One Hundred Dollars to the Writer of the best Essay on **The History of the City and County of Saint John.** If deemed advisable, a second Prize of not more than Fifty Dollars will be given to the Writer of the second best Essay on the same subject.

All matters connected with the Essays, or awarding Prizes, are to be under the control of "The Prize Essay Committee."

Persons intending to compete, are requested to hand in their names to the Chairman of the Committee by the 1st September next; and no Prize will be given unless there are at least three Competitors

Essays must be handed in before the 1st day of November, 1871.

Two persons are to be chosen by the Committee to act as Judges, with power to select a third; and any two of such Judges may decide as to the respective merits of the Essays.

The Writer of each Essay is to subscribe the same with some motto, or fictitious name, enclosing a copy with his own name subscribed, in a sealed envelope, to be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee. Each Essay to be written in a legible hand, and with a margin.

The Committee expect all information furnished by each Writer to be of the most accurate character; and in case of reference to any unpublished document, such document shall if possible accompany the Essay. If such document cannot be procured, the writer of the Essay shall furnish a certified copy of the same, or of such extracts as concern the subject, and shall state where the original may be seen.

All the Essays are to be the property of the Institute, subject to the right of publication by the writers.

The Writers are desired to furnish particulars as to the following matters, and in the following order, as nearly as possible:

1st.—As to the order in priority of time when the City and the different sections of the City and County were settled, and by what persons; of what nationality, and under what circumstances.

2nd.—As to the ownership of Lands, and the occupancy of Civic and other Offices, in order of time; with Biographical Sketches of prominent citizens and inhabitants of the County.

3rd.—As to the population and census from the earliest period, and with regard to nationality, and the formation and growth of religious denominations.

4th.—As to the origin, course and growth of Commerce and Manufactures, and the progress of Agriculture, with Statistics and Statistical Observations as to Shipping, Exports and Imports, Trade Returns of all kinds, Manufactures and Staples; and generally with reference to Commercial, Fiscal, Mechanical and Agricultural matters of all kinds.

5th.—As to the establishment and growth of Banking and all other Joint Stock operations; and of Associations for the advancement of Trade, Mechanics, Agriculture, Science and Letters.

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6th.—As to the History of the Press, with as complete a list of Newspapers, Magazines, and Literary productions of all kinds as can be procured, with the names of Editors and Publishers.

7th.—As to Meteorology and change of Climate.

8th.—As to the opening of Roads, and as to the means of communication by steam or otherwise between the different sections of the County, and between the County and other sections of the Province and other parts of the world.

9th.—As to like Postal and Telegraph communication.

10th.—As to Social Progress and Domestic Economy.

11th.—Leading Incidents of History, political or otherwise.

Information of any kind connected with the principal subject, and not specified under the above heads, will be gladly received, and meet with due consideration; and the Writers are not to consider themselves bound to treat the different subjects in the order here stated, though for convenience the Committee think it desirable that they should do so as far as possible.

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